

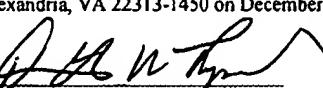


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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